

To: Chairperson Schubart and Trustees
From: Chief Tom Bremner
Date: August 15th / 2011
Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (July / 2011)



- The eighth annual SSIFR training weekend was held July 7th to 11th. This year a total of 115 firefighters and business personnel attend. Many of them brought their families along to enjoy the Salt Spring Island experience. The event was a huge success due to the commitment of the organizers, members and community. We are already planning for the 2012.
- Our website; www.saltspringfire.com continues to be updated on a regular basis, and we encourage people to visit our site. We also have a large group of followers on our; Facebook and Twitter sites as well as the Salt Spring Community Exchange, which focuses on public announcements and information.
- Our Fulford training ground committee continues to advance with efforts on our latest version of the training ground site layout, work on the site is to begin in August for a fall completion.
- Members continued to be busy this month with training, work duties and calls for assistance. In July the SSIFR responded to; **45 calls for assistance**.

Response types were:

First Responder	16
Complaints	9
Haz-Mat	4
Motor Vehicle Incidents	4
Alarms	3
Structure Fires	2
Public Assists	2
Rescues	2
Hydro	1
Vehicle Fires	1
Misc	1

Training Division report for July:

- Our Training Weekend saw SSIFR members receive 480 hrs of training in the following subjects; Incident Safety officer, Fire Service Instructor, Forestry Firefighting, Marina Firefighting, Pumps and Pumping, Fire Officer Admin and Frontline Leadership.
- Our members put in a further 386 hours during Tuesday night drills covering First Responder, Pumps, Ropes and Knots, Wildland Interface, Boat Fires, Auto Extrication and Technical High Angle Rope Rescue.



➤ **Fire Inspection / Prevention Division report for June:**

Commercial Inspections	13
Commercial Re-inspection	0
Responses to Emergencies	20
Category 3 Burn Pile Inspections	0
Review of Fire Safety Plans	0
Car Child-Seat Installs	1
Lockbox Installation	0
Battery Smoke Alarm requests	4
Public Information Sessions	0
Public Education Tours	0 Sessions
Subdivision / Plan Reviews	3
Water Storage Tank Reviews	0
Burning Permits issued to date	1675
Paperwork / Administration	Endless

- The first quarter of July, was consumed with the 8th Annual Training Week- end activities. The inspections carried out during July were; large assembly occupancies, (schools and hospital). Both inspectors had holiday time within the month.
- We had four smoke alarm requests in July, which brings us to a total of 18 homes visited since the start of the program in February. Thanks again the Salt Spring Island Rotary for sponsoring this very successful program thus far.
- It has been 1 year since Lt Travis Guedes has joined the prevention division. We are happy to report that all commercial occupancy inspections have been caught up, and a system is in place to maintain our programs success.
- Burning permits are required effective April 15th until October 1st 2011 for all types of burning. Permits can be obtained (for free) at the Ganges Fire Station during regular office hours. Category 3 Machine piles require an inspection prior to a permit being authorized. The Fire Hazard as of August 8th was 4 (HIGH), with the early shift activated.
- ***A BURN BAN IS NOW IN EFFECT FOR; BRUSH PILES & CLASS #3 MACHINE PILES. REVEIW OUR WEBSITE DAILY FOR UPDATES & FURTHER BAN NOTICES, INCLUDING EARLY SHIFT NOTIFICATIONS.***
- Chief requests an “In Camera” session relating to; (Property. Legal and Personnel) items.